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WATER DIVINER

Water balance estimation at grassroots

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It is paramount to understand how much water is available for use and how to utilise it wisely before exploiting resources beyond capacity leading to imminent depletion.

The Bengalurean is no stranger to water shortages as the city is increasingly dependent on the Cauvery supply after having exhausted all local sources.

No amount of rainwater harvesting shall solve Bengaluru's water crisis if a proper water budgeting mechanism isn't put in place sooner.

To keep a tab on usage and replenishment of water resources, communities from the gram panchayat level must undertake water budgeting.

Taking the aforementioned scenario into account, the Centre for Social and Environmental Innovation (CSEI) at the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Bengaluru, has designed a solution to accurately estimate the water resources at disposal.

Anticipating large-scale creation of water budgets in the future, the CSEI team at ATREE created the

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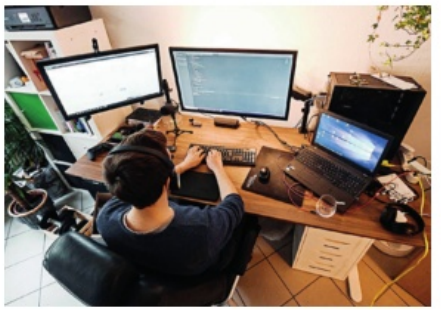
"Technically sound water budgeting requires layers of data — rainfall, changes in groundwater level, soil moisture... Jaltol offers all at the click of a button.

— Anjali Neelakantan, Centre for Social and Environmental Innovation, ATREE

Sleepless in Bengaluru

Techies approaching docs complaining about disturbed sleep



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Surely, work from home has its added benefits. One can stay at home and be present for work, and even avoid traffic chaos.

However, the new routine has left techies with sleep disturbances, physicians in the city say. Doctors are reporting an increase in the number of people complaining about sleep disturbances of late.

With the extra working hours allotted due to work from home, and added pressure, many are having problems in getting good eight hours of sleep. One is finding it hard to fall asleep, or getting to sleep only for a short time and finding it difficult to go back to sleep. This consequently, has resulted in low energy levels, mood swings and low work performance amongst the tech workers.

"Sleep disturbances have increased recently among techies. This may be because of the schedules they work with. Many may be working as per the US and UK timings and hence will have their circadian rhythms (biological clocks) disturbed leading to sleep disturbances. Associated stress with caffeine and alcohol intake also contributes to the sleep disturbances. Constantly spending time in front of computers post work from home and reduced physical activity contributes to the problem. Due to sleep disturbances they suffer from lack of concentration, irritability, increased frequency of headaches and

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 It's play time!

Bangalore Theatre Collective, a theatre team based in Bengaluru, presents Kovigondu Kannadaka, is a stark comedy that is based on Slawomir Mrozek's Charlie. The production evolved during the covid times when the world was grappling with the extent of sectionalism and hatred which came out as a stark reality of the times we live in. The play looks to explore the roots of hatred and the impacts such mindless hate can have.
Where: Ranga Shankara; www.bookmyshow.com
When: Dec 3, 7:30 pm; Tickets: 9972255400

02 Smart digital realities

Imagine a playful, interactive space, where you can walk, run or jump around to find hidden turns and corners. Jump over buildings, touch the sky, sit by a lake, try going in a straight line and finding the infinite white land. An immersive representation of a city, where iconic buildings of four cities (Bangalore, Dhaka, Pune and Mumbai) become your gateway into different parts of an online exhibition where you can teleport yourself through an artist directory to look at different works which are part of Smarter Digital Realities 2021 - A Residency Showcase Online Launch Event. **Where: Gather Town Online Platform**
When: Dec 3, 6 pm Register: collective.sandbox@gmail.com

03 Coffeetoons

Indian Institute of Cartoonists is organising 'coffeetoons', an exhibition of cartoons and caricatures by Coffee Shankar. This unique cartoonist is famous for serving coffee to his customers every day at his small shop near Banashankari Shopping Complex and drawing caricatures for them, adding that extra strength to their morning cuppa. So far, more than 6,000 of his cartoons have been published in various magazines and has to his credit many awards and felicitations from various organisations. **Call: 9980091428**
Where: Indian Institute of Cartoonists, M G Road
When: Till Dec 4, 10am – 6pm (except Sundays)

MAKING A SPLASH

Punith Nandakumar, a 23-year-old para-swimmer, is all set to receive national award under the best sportsperson with disability category

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A 23-year-old youth from namma city has been nominated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under the category of best sportsperson with disability.

Punith Nandakumar, a resident of Sampige Layout, was born with a deformity in the left hand, but that didn't stop him from achieving his goals. Nandakumar, who as kid loved playing in the water, wanted to learn swimming, but while he saw other kids using their hands, he assumed he would not be able to do it. But that did not stop him from giving it a try and started swimming in 2011 at the Vijaynagar Aquatic Centre.

"It was difficult in the beginning; other swimmers use both hands to swim, and for me it was difficult to learn without one hand. However, I kept trying and with the help of my coach, got better at it each day. My disability was never a barrier for me to swim as I loved the water and sport," he said.

Nandakumar has also completed his civil engineering at the BMS College of Engineering this year and with despite swimming every day, he also made time to focus on his studies.

The para-athlete has won championships in Berlin, South Korea, Poland, Jakarta, and is currently training at Zee Swim Academy, Whitefield

The list of national awardees had various categories like best employee with disabilities, best applied research, innovation, product development at improving the life of persons, outstanding creative adult person with disabilities, best braille press, best sports person with disability. The awards will be presented on December 4.

With his various achievements in the past where he has represented India in eight major international competitions, the para-athlete has won 13 international medals and over 28 medals by participating in the national and state para-swimming championships. Nandakumar has also won in championships held in Berlin, South Korea, Poland, Jakarta.

The youngster has also got awards in Karnataka such as the Eklavya award from government of Karnataka, Kempegowda award, Karnataka Bhushan award, TA Narayan Gowda and others. "With my dedication towards the sport and practicing hours daily and trying to improve my time of laps every single day, I have got better at the sport.

> **"It was difficult in the beginning; other swimmers use both hands to swim, and for me it was difficult to learn without one hand**
> – Punith Nandakumar

Juggling between my studies and swimming was difficult but I didn't want to give up. I wanted to score well in my academics and even at sports, which I have been doing so far. It's a great feeling to be recognised by the state and union government and be facilitated," he said.

Currently, Nandakumar is training at the Zee Swim Academy, Whitefield, coached by Sharath M Gayakwad, Arjuna awardee. "My coach has been very inspiring and supportive. Every day is a new learning from him."

However, he pointed out that special schemes need to come up by the state government to support people with disabilities such as sponsorship for elite athletes and government job reservation for sportsperson and more.

Uniting people, through music

The three-day digital programme will present over 25 events inspired by music including concerts, performances, panel discussions, film talks, educational workshops and exhibitions

The Museum of Art & Photography (MAP) Bengaluru, one of India's leading private museums, in collaboration with Berklee College of Music, Boston, is presenting Art is Life: SoundFrames from December 3 to 5, a three-day digital festival.

Art is Life: SoundFrames celebrates music and its power to bring people together. The three-day digital programme will present over 25 events inspired by music including concerts, performances, panel discussions, film talks, educational workshops and exhibitions.

Featuring in the festival will be more than 65 artistes from around India and the world including Ambi and Bindu Subramaniam of SubraMania, Grammy-winner Ricky Kej, musical talents from IndianRaga, a cappella group Penn Masala, young Hindustani maestro Pandit Sanjeev Abhyankar and the Durbari Qawwals of Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya Dargah.

Highlights of MAP's collaboration with the Berklee College of Music include never-seen-before concerts by renowned performers including Berklee Indian Ensemble and Women of the World, a collective of innovative musicians from across the globe. The two institutions have also collaborated on Sounds of the City: a sonic public engagement where composers and producers make music inspired by the sounds of cities across India (Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata and Delhi).

Kamini Sawhney, Director, Museum of Art & Photography (MAP) said: "MAP believes music as an art form is a powerful way to bring people together beyond cultures and language. The event is packed with a diverse line up with something for everyone, whether you are eight or 80."

To register: www.artislife.events
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Left: Grammy winner Ricky Kej; Above: a cappella group Penn Masala will perform at this festival

Cops catch up with woman driver who zoomed past

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Driving past traffic cops without stopping to evade fines, will no more be able to save you. In fact, this could only land you in jail.

An FIR will be registered against drivers of the evasive cars for driving in a rash and negligent manner and stopping police from discharging their duty. A case in point is of this woman who evaded police at three junctions and drove past them, but finally the cops caught up and she was arrested by the Cubbon Park police on Wednesday.

Based on a complaint filed by the assistant sub inspector Prakash C from Cubbon Park traffic police station, the police have arrested the accused, Sonia Mehta. Police said the woman who was driving in rash and negligent manner was asked to stop by the police but, she just drove past.

Case of negligent, rash driving against woman as she drove past cops flagging her down at 3 junctions

According to the police, the traffic police who were at the Coffee Day junction on Sunday, noticed a car being driven in a rash manner. The incident took place around 4:30 pm. The cops at the junction tried to stop the car and alerted other cops at the next junction to stop the car, but there too the driver did not stop.

DCP, traffic East, KM Shantharaju said that motorists often drive past traffic cops endangering other motorists' lives as well as of the traffic cops. "We need to take strict action against such offenders as it could easily harm one's life. The woman had driven past our officers at three such junctions despite us trying to stop her. Instead of slowing down after seeing cops, she drove in a rash manner and almost ran over them. Any such instances in future where our staff's and other motorists lives are put at risk, we would take strict action against them and get the FIR registered," he said.

A senior officer said that earlier too there have been many such instances where two wheelers and cars drive past them but they would only raise a violation against them but now depending on the seriousness of the offence, the police will take a call to register the FIR.

Cubbon Park police said that on Wednesday, they traced the woman and arrested her. The woman is said to hae told the cops that she had a medical emergency due to which she was on her way to the hospital. The police are verifying her claims and have produced her before the court.

They wanted to buy bikes, but got taken on a ride

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The Whitefield CEN police are baffled with two cybercrime cases where crooks claimed to be army men and swindled lakhs of rupees from two parties who wanted to buy second-hand bikes.

In the first case, a couple in Whitefield stumbled on an ad on an online marketplace, for a Royal Enfield Bullet, model 2018, available on sale for Rs 45,000. The seller told them he was an army personnel and had been transferred and he had to sell his bike urgently. He also said the bike would be transported to their house at a minimal cost.

"For a used bike that cost Rs 22,000, the victim/s had to pay over a lakh to the swindlers

The couple verified the bike's registration number with the Vahan app where the owner's name was the same as mentioned in the ad and it also had the Army connection mentioned. So they paid Rs 53,559 in total in batches to the cybercrooks, including transportation cost, as the seller had also sent video footage of them loading the bike onto an army truck.

"The bike's registration number was also the same in the video, so we were sure that it would reach us," said victim Joseph (name changed). But the bike never turned up.

In another incident, Santhosh, 21, (name changed), a private company employee, told **Bangalore Mirror** that it was his respect for the Indian Army personnel that his cousin in Kalaburagi and he decided to buy a second-hand motorcycle from persons claiming to be defence personnel.

Santhosh, in his complaint to the police, stated that his cousin, Vivek, wanted to buy a bike. "My cousin stumbled on a post where a pre-owned motorcycle 'Honda Shine' (2014 model) worth Rs 22,000 was available on sale in on Facebook. He called me to facilitate the deal for him as I work here," Santhosh said.

He then called up the person who introduced himself as an officer with the Army, who told him that he was selling the bike for cheap due to an urgency, as he had been transferred.

He had sent the bike's photographs along with the Registration Certificate copies, sale bill, pollution certificate, and other relevant documents to Santhosh who in turn forwarded all the copies to his cousin. He then went to the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) to see the bike. The accused told Santhosh he had to pay Rs 1,020 for an army gate pass to see it.

Santhosh was then asked to pay Rs 20,000 so that the paperwork could be completed. "I was also told that an office boy will come and pick me up," he said. The demands for money continued and they ended up paying Rs 1 lakh and were told the rest of the money would be refunded. However, all that was just a tale.

"For a second-hand-bike that cost Rs 22,000, the victim/s had paid more than a lakh. We have taken up a case and are investigating," said an officer.

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ROAD TO RESTORATION

Goods Shed Road has been undergoing white-topping works since August. On August 20, Bangalore Mirror had reported about the restoration project on this stretch. Gaurav Gupta, the Chief Commissioner of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, had said that the white-topping project would be completed within 90 days. Unfortunately, due to incessant rainfall, the works on this road are still in progress. The one-and-a-half-kilometre stretch is an important road that connects Mysuru Road and Majestic. Many motorists have been having traffic-related troubles since the road has been blocked.

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How to get your roads fixed

Strike where it hurts

Elected representatives step in to fix civic issues like bad roads, broken street lights and more, after five years... All it took was a threat to organise protests

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After five years of suffering due to pathetic infrastructural facilities, residents from various localities, including Chikkanayakanahalli, Rayasandra, Hosa Road, challenged the authorities concerned with the intent to protest against the injustice. The elected representatives responded with actions; deciding to finally step in to alleviate their pains.

The residents have been demanding good, motorable roads, well-connected sewage pipelines, solutions to the garbage problem, and functional street lights for five years. In spite of several complaints and letters sent to elected representatives, their demands weren't acknowledged. Therefore, residents had decided to organise a protest in December. The elected representatives requested the disgruntled residents to call the protest off and held a meeting with them, finally.

Residents from 12 apartments from areas including Satjapura Road, Chikkanayakanahalli and Rayasandara came together under the organisation, Citizens Movement, East Bengaluru, to highlight the issues with Panchayat members, the circle inspector of Bellandur, and other representatives from the Mahadevpura zone.

The Kodathi Doddamara Junction being in a bad state was also highlighted as an issue at the meeting. Representatives stated that the road restoration work and other BWSSB-related works will be completed within two weeks. Restoration of a 550-metre-stretch from Mahavir Orchids to Rayasandra was also discussed. Works on the railway underpass at Hosa Road will be completed within three months by the public works department, the authorities said.

Residents also demanded beat patrolling to be set up at Ahad and asked that Hoysala patrolling must be made functional with immediate effect. They pointed out the bad condition of Halnayakanahalli Lake too. The issue will be addressed by the Panchayat soon. They stated that they will meet with the residents again to come forward with an action plan. Rs 25 lakh is sanctioned to fence Halnayakanahalli Lake.

Addressing the garbage concerns, the Panchayat stated, extra vehicles have been brought in for garbage pickups.

A resident of Chikkanayakanahalli said, "After a number of pleas, voicing problems on social media and forming organisations, the issues are finally being addressed. All residents were frustrated and had decided to go on a strike in December."

The residents said that the restoration work from Kodathi to Hosa Road will begin within the next 15 days; simultaneously other grievances will be addressed too.

We have struggled for long. Things are finally falling in place. Many accidents have taken place due to the bad condition of the roads," said another resident.

The garbage problem in Choodasandra is severe. Animals could choke on plastic waste here. Inset: Condition of a bad road in Rayasandra

"After several pleas... Our issues are finally being addressed. We were frustrated and were about to go on a strike in December – Resident of Chikkanayakanahalli

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The concrete slabs on this footpath next to Sofia Public School must be replaced. If the drainage is left uncovered any longer, the litter dumped into it will clog the system.

Pick up the mess
TC Palya

A tree, which had fallen, bringing down electric wires with its descend, has not been picked up from Shanthi Layout yet.

Karnataka's NEET coaching institutes help candidates sail through

Karnataka is often considered the education hub of the country due to a number of high quality educational institutions established in the State. Interestingly, Karnataka is also one of the top states in the country which offers high grade coaching for many entrance tests. There are a number of top coaching institutes which have been training students for higher education as well as for competitive education.

Some of these institutions are so well-established that they have been coaching students for decades. Many of these students who were trained in these coaching centres have gone on to make it big in their career. The mantra of these coaching institutes is a focus on training and bringing the best out of the students. As these institutes are established for decades, the staff are well versed and offer the best training.

Some of these coaching institutes are preferred by students especially those planning entry to professional courses.

With the entrance to medical courses being now through the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET) which is an all-India entrance exam, these coaching institutes are helping State students to compete with their peers at the national level.

Thirteen languages, as a uniform entrance examination for admission to MBBS/BDS/BAMS/BSMS/BUMS/BHMS and other undergraduate medical courses in approved/recognised Medical/Dental /AYUSH and other Colleges/ Deemed Universities / Institutes (AIIMS & JIPMER) in India. The languages in which the NEET (UG) 2021 would be conducted are: English, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu.

The Result of NEET (UG) - 2021 may be utilised by other Entities of Central and State Governments, in accordance with their respective eligibility criteria / other norms /applicable regulations/guidelines/ rules. The result data may also be utilized for BSc (H) Nursing courses in accordance with their respective eligibility criteria / other norms /applicable regulations/ guidelines/ rules.

The NEET (UG) – 2021 result data could also be used for admissions to BVSc and AH courses under the 15 per cent quota of VCI in recognised Veterinary Colleges.

However, the Council has to approach the MCC of DGHS, MoHFW in order to obtain the said data of results.

These institutes are helping students from the state to compete with their peers at the national level and crack the National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test

SC comes to aid of NEET candidate with disability

Coming to the aid of a disabled female student, suffering from dysgraphia, who was not granted an additional hour of compensatory time in NEET (UG) exam and her answer sheet was forcefully taken away, the Supreme Court asked the National Testing Agency (NTA) to consider taking steps to rectify the injustice done to her within one week.

Dysgraphia causes impaired handwriting and demonstrates inconsistent handwriting, poor spelling and spacing, transcription difficulties, and incoherence. The top court said individual injustices originating in a wrongful denial of rights and entitlements prescribed under the law cannot be sent into oblivion on the ground that these are a necessary consequence of a competitive examination.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and AS Bopanna, however, refused to grant the relief to the student, who has been diagnosed with a 40 per cent permanent disability, for holding re-examination for the NEET (UG). "The appellant was wrongfully deprived of compensatory time of one hour while appearing for the NEET, despite her entitlements as a Person with Disabilities (PwD) and a Person with Benchmark Disability (PwBD).." it said. —IANS

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open source plug-in, Jaltol.

"In most campaigns around water harvesting, there is one conversation that is often missed. It assumes that there is extra rainwater that is not harvested. The truth is, in many watersheds in India, rainwater is being used more than it is replenished. Endlessly building structures alone is not a solution for water problems," explained Veena Srinivasan, the director of CSEI.

The new centre at ATREE, launched the open-source QGIS (Quantum Geographic Information System) plug-in, that allows the user/community to create water budgets using available data in the public domain. It also gives the user the freedom to add their own datasets to derive desired results. "Jaltol allows grassroots level civil society organisations (CSOs) to undertake water balance estimation. Water balance estimation is a very important part of a water security plan that mandates gram panchayats (GP) to avail the incentives of several government schemes. At the GP or CSO level, they are unable to put together technically sound water budgets because it requires data layers from different sources like rainfall, changes in groundwater level, soil moisture. Jaltol offers all of the above at the click of a button," said Anjali Neelakantan, initiative lead, Food Futures, and a member of CSEI. According to Srinivasan, a lot of government schemes require communities to create water budgets but most are not fundamentally sound. "They do not take a scientific approach and produce erroneous results," she added. The team built the plug-in to ease the technical work of government agencies and civil society organisations that often undertake district implementation plans and are short-staffed. Months of painstaking work can be executed within a limited time using Jaltol. "The idea occurred to me roughly five years ago, when I wrote an article about the topic during my work with National Water Mission. I noticed that due to fewer funds being released, they barely have enough finances to collect the basic data. Often, technical capacity rarely meets the demand," Srinivasan told BM. Jaltol is not just a water-budgeting tool. It is a system of data democracy and with most data now satellite-based, it is quite updated: the government does not make it easily available, the CSEI director clarified. "A lot of foreign universities engage in analysis of the water problem but usually everything is behind a paywall. Most big universities have datasets from India available in their colleges but are unavailable for Indian researchers. Another aspect of the Jaltol initiative was to free-up data for students and researchers to perform studies," added Srinivasan.

As opposed to most water budgeting platforms, CSEI felt that an open source plug-in would be a right fit instead of a smartphone application in line with the philosophy of data accessibility.

With its first version, the focus was on creating a rigorous water budgeting tool. Now, the team hopes to build something that calls for submission of datasets.

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Sleepwalking to work from home

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weight gain. It can even result in blood pressure and blood sugar shooting up. They are also at risk of developing cardiovascular and neurological ailments," Dr Anil R, consultant and head of the department of neurology, Manipal Hospital, Hebbal, told BM.

Dr Anil referred to the case of a youngster suffering from sleep disturbances for many months after which he had developed behavioural issues — trouble with anger management, irritability and problems in interpersonal relationships along with reduced productivity at work. He was treated with medications for a month and was advised to nurture good sleeping habits. Dr Pavan Yadav, lead consultant, interventional pulmonology, sleep medicine and lung transplantation, Aster RV Hospital, pointed out that delayed sleep phase disorder is a condition wherein the bedtime is delayed resulting in delayed onset of sleep and late waking up.

"People working with laptops, desktops, tablets, smartphones and suchlike who spend more time with light-emitting screens develop sleep issues.

The biological clock or circadian rhythm is controlled by daylight and secretion of melatonin after it becomes dark, inducing sleep. People who spend more time on laptops and screens tend to sleep late and wake up late thereby hampering their sleep cycles".

Dr Shantanu Tandon, senior consultant, ear, nose & throat (ENT), Sakra World Hospital, advised that medicines can't do much in these cases and the patients need to change their sleep pattern. "One should target 7-8 hours of sleep and don't undertake office work till late in the evening. Further, they should try to mimic the work-from-office routine.

They should not take work into the bedroom and avoid keeping laptops in there. Trying to be active and avoiding sleep during the day can help as well to avoid late caffeine consumption," said Dr Tandon.

Car rams into, kills 2 pedestrians

Two people were killed and five others injured -- all pedestrians -- after a Chevrolet car ran over them on Nice Road near Sompura toll gate late on Wednesday night in Kumaraswamy Layout traffic police station limits. The deceased have been identified as Gali Honnama, 68, Bindu, 28, both residents of Varasandra. The five injured have been shifted to the nearby hospital for treatment. Police said that the incident took place around 7:40 pm when the speeding car ran over the pedestrians who were on their way to clean ragi and have food on the roadside on the Hosakerehalli Nice Road. Police have secured the driver and are investigating the case. — BMB

College bus runs over student

A 21-year-old student was killed after a college bus knocked down her scooter before running her over near the Raitara Sante in Yelahanka on Wednesday. Sai Vaishnavi, a resident of Shivanahalli, was pursuing her final year B.Sc in Biotechnology at the MS Ramaiah college. According to the police, Vaishnavi was on her way to pick up her sister from tuition on her scooter when the accident occurred.

She reached the service road and tried to overtake the bus passing by and came in front of a cyclist. She lost control and collided with the bus and came under the back wheel, the police said. Though she was wearing a helmet, it was not strapped and the helmet fell away as she fell down, a police officer said. Passers-by rushed to her help and shifted her to the Yelahanka hospital where the doctors declared her brought dead. The Yelahanka traffic police have booked the bus driver identified as Devraj. — BMB

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Fighting for their right

The doctors and medical staffers at Victoria Hospital entered their third day of protest on Wednesday, demanding their wages that they allegedly did not receive for two months. The protestors took out a candle vigil and also observed World Aids Day, by organising an awareness drive and a skit.

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Push for booster dose

Bommai says it's time for the frontline workers to get another dose

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The demand for booster doses of covid-19 vaccine is increasing with the State making a renewed pitch for the same. For this purpose, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is now heading to New Delhi to meet Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya to press the demand.

On Wednesday, Bommai said that covid booster doses were required for the frontline health workers as it has been more than six to eight months since they got their second doses. Even the technical advisory committee has batted for the booster dose. The CM said that he will be in New Delhi on December 2 and will pitch the case. Frontline and health workers should get the booster or third dose of covid vaccination, he added.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said, "The advantages and other factors regarding administering booster dose will also be discussed at the meeting. Telemedicine, increasing the number of tests, wearing the mask mandatory and other safety guidelines will be strictly enforced. If the public cooperates with the government, we can quickly overcome the fear."

Vaccination must, say experts

On Tuesday, the Covid Technical Advisory Committee has asked the State Government to take stringent steps for making vaccines mandatory for eligible people. Sources said that the committee members were of the view that the government should not compensate the hospital bill for those who have not taken two doses of vaccination. There were suggestions stating that unvaccinated people should be made ineligible for taking ration or gas and fuel. There was also a proposal to make vaccination a must to enter malls or hotels.

Reacting to this, Dr Sudhakar said, "The committee has advised the government to stop facilities and penalise those who haven't taken two doses of the vaccine. We have decided that people who are not vaccinated will be sensitised and vaccinated. The number of people taking the vaccine has been increasing over the past two days. The door-to-door Vaccine Mitra Programme is picking up."

A health worker administers covid-19 vaccine to a senior citizen at Dasappa hospital in Bengaluru recently

Test 10% of students every month

An expert committee has suggested a slew of measures to BBMP for intensifying surveillance in the wake of detection of the Omicron variant. The committee suggested testing of all international passengers, quarantine measures, all samples to be sent for Genome sequencing, and keeping a close watch on the containment zones in the city. "If there are any clusters that are created, more focus should be given. Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) should be strictly followed at meetings and gatherings, parties, and any other events. Covid-19 testing should be increased. Only those who have got two doses should be allowed to city parks, theatres, malls and other public places. 10 percent of the students are tested in schools every month. To ensure that every citizen has taken a second dose of vaccine, compulsorily the Residents Welfare Associations (RWAs), Hotel associations and other institutions have been asked to take up the responsibility,", said the recommendation.

Not much info on Omicron's effect on children

Dr K Sudhakar also said, as of now, it is not very clear as to how Omicron will impact children. But, we know that it is a very fast-spreading virus. Central government is also contemplating on the child vaccine. The vaccine is expected to be available in all States at the earliest, he added.

72 nursing students test positive

A high alert has been sounded in Mysuru district after 72 students from Kerala, undergoing nursing courses in the city, tested positive for covid-19, health department officials said on Wednesday. Deputy Commissioner Bagadi Gautham has ordered the officials to conduct 5,000 covid tests to detect the cases early and prevent spreading of the virus.

Two-pronged strategy

CM Bommai said, "We are focusing on two fronts; one is monitoring those who come from foreign countries and testing everyone. Secondly, students and paramedics from Kerala are present in all districts and all district commissioners have been directed to monitor them."

'Can catch covid during airport wait'

Biocon executive chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw on Wednesday said passengers are likely to get the Covid-19 infection due to long hours of wait at airports after arrival.

"Day 1 Of Omicron Travel Rules, Upto 6 Hours Wait For Tests: 10 Points - Even if you did not have the infection you are likely to acquire it at the airport!," Shaw tweeted after new travel regulations, both from the union health ministry and States kicked in on December 1.

On Tuesday, she had requested governments not to harass passengers at airports in the name of heightened regulations as some states are adding their own layers of regulations over and above what the Union Health Ministry has notified which have taken effect from today (December 1).

The existing travel restrictions are adequate as anyone testing positive is going to be quarantined and tracked, she had told ET. — ET Online

Dedicated wards to treat Omicron cases

Now, the State Government plans to allot dedicated wards to treat Omicron cases. So far, the State has not reported any Omicron cases. However, if the variant is detected in the future, they will be treated in special isolation wards at hospitals. Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that the State Government has held talks with the hospital and medical colleges. The health department has already convened a meeting with district officials to suggest measures to be taken in this regard.

A day after stating that all international travellers have to undergo mandatory RT-PCR testing, the Health department issued revised guidelines stating, "Testing will be done for Countries in Europe including The United Kingdom, South Africa, Brazil, Botswana, China, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Singapore, Hong Kong and Israel." Sudhakar on Wednesday said that if RT-PCR test reports for travellers from high-risk countries test negative, they will be subjected to seven-day home isolation. Their health will be monitored during the quarantine period. For those who are symptomatic, and reports are negative, they will be tested again on the fifth day. They are free to move only if a negative report comes out after seven-day quarantine., but it is inevitable, the minister said. — Nandini S

FAQs for arrivals

The Ministry of Civil Aviation on Wednesday said only two per cent of the passengers coming from countries that are not in the 'at-risk' list will be subject to random sampling for coronavirus and such passengers will be permitted to leave the airport after giving the samples.

Issuing a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), the ministry said that travellers undergoing random sampling may give the sample and be allowed to leave. "Now, the random sampling would be limited to 2 per cent as per latest MoHFW (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) guidelines and it would be on a self-paid basis. Airlines/Airports may coordinate with the officials of State/UT governments to select the passenger at random sampling," the ministry said in a release. "Post-arrival testing can be exempted if a person is travelling from a not-at-risk country and has only a transit (without leaving immigration) in at-risk country before taking the destination flight. — Agencies

Chaos at airport

With testing for international travellers, the testing bay at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) turned chaotic with many turning up for testing and thereby the physical distance going for toss. Many also questioned why only one agency was given in charge of testing and instead travellers demanded an increase in counters for testing. The airport management had a tough time managing the crowd. — Agencies

Listen up! These activities can get you banned

New CEO, new policies: Twitter will ban sharing of images or videos of private individuals without their consent

#WASHINGTON [US]

A day after Parag Agrawal took over the reins of Twitter as the new CEO, a new set of policy changes were introduced. As part of the private information safety policy, the micro-blogging site will ban sharing of images or videos of private individuals without their consent.

In a detailed blogpost by Twitter Safety, the company said sharing of people's private media or publishing their private information (phone numbers, addresses, and IDs) is strictly prohibited on the platform as it threatens to expose their intimate details.

The new safety policy has been already enforced globally. Apart from this, there are various other violations that can get you banned on the social networking site.

ETPanache Digital compiled a list so you can continue being part of the network:

- Users are not allowed to share any type of private information and/or media, without consent of the person it belongs to. Using images, video or any other form of media of individuals without their permission is prohibited.

Changes are part of Twitter's private information safety policy

- Home addresses or physical locations that include GPS coordinates or other details that will make the individual's wearabout public come under private info.
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- Asking for or offering a bounty or financial reward in exchange for posting someone's private information can get you banned.
- Private nude images of individuals will continue to be actioned under our non-consensual nudity policy.
- Users also have to refrain from blackmail-like activities. Asking for a bounty or financial reward in exchange for 'not posting' someone's private information is also not allowed.

If you want to report any private information or media on Twitter, a first-person report or a report from an authorised representative is vital to take necessary action. Once notified by such a party, Twitter will remove the post in question.

However, "this policy is not applicable to media featuring public figures or individuals when media and accompanying Tweet text are shared in the public interest or add value to public discourse," the blogpost said.

If images or videos of private individuals have been shared to help someone involved in a crisis situation, such as in the aftermath of a violent event, or as part of a newsworthy event due to public interest value, this might outweigh the safety risks to a person, according to Twitter's policy. **-ETOnline**

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How's that? Man's family got body from hospital, conducted last rites too; 3 months later man got off a bus and was seen walking home

Imagine what will be the condition of a family when they see their loved one, who they thought was no more, come back alive? This family in a remove village in Madhugiri of Tumakuru had such an experience.

Nagaraj, 55, was an alcoholic. He was admitted to NIMHANS in Bengaluru. From there, he was shifted to a private hospital on Sarjapur road. However, on September 18, doctors declared that Nagaraj had died and even a post mortem was conducted. Later, a complaint was also registered in Koramangala police station. After the legal procedures, the body was handed over to Nagaraj's family who cremated the body and also conducted the regular rituals.

However, on Monday, Nagaraj's family was surprised to see him alive as he got down from the bus and started walking toward the village. Initially, the family members were scared thinking that a ghost had come walking. However, Nagaraj had to do a lot of convincing to prove that he was indeed alive. Now, Nagaraj's family are worried as to whose body was cremated and wonder if the private hospital in Bengaluru had handed over a different body to the family. Now, with the news spreading like wildfire, the local Kodigeahalli police have registered a case and are investigating. However, it is turning out to be a tough nut to crack as Nagaraj is tightlipped and refuses to disclose as to where he spent his last three months. On Wednesday, Nagaraj's daughter came to Bengaluru to check with the hospital as to what had happened.

3 robbery cases cracked

The Sadduguntepalya police, on Wednesday arrested two persons who robbed an elderly couple at knife point on November 26. The accused had barged into the house situated in Krishnamurthy Layout and threatened the couple at knife point and made away with a gold chain, five gold rings and Rs 15,000. Based on the complaint, the police verified 50 CCTV camera footages, from in and around the area to identify the accused. The police also have recovered the valuables and taken the duo into custody.

In another incident, the Mico Layout police arrested two persons involved in two robberies. The accused used to move around on motorcycles to target people walking alone at night times. The accused robbed a mobile phone from a hotel employee on November 7, and later assaulted and robbed Rs 500 from a private firm employee in JP Nagar.

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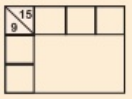
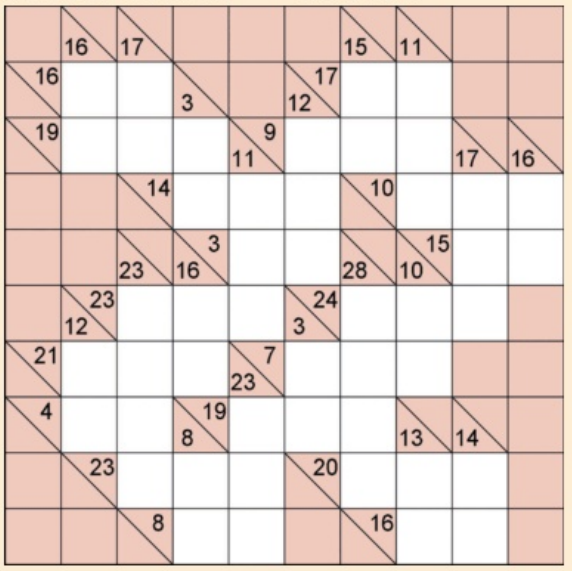
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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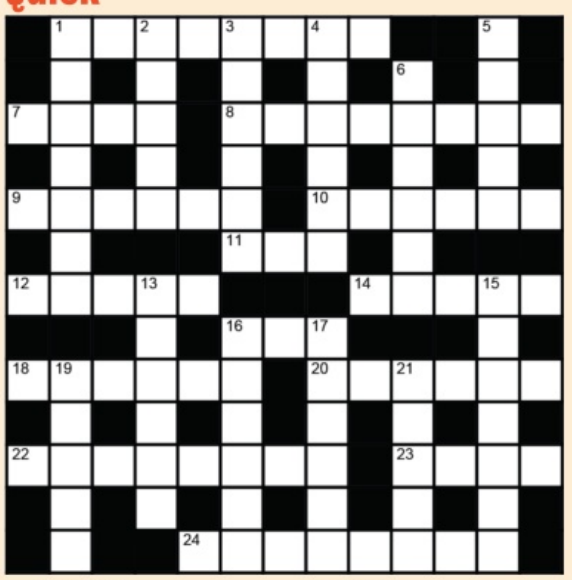


ACROSS

1 Large church (8)
7 Asian language (4)
8 The bus station named after Kempe Gowda is more commonly known by this name (8)
9 Military action (6)
10 Cut off or severed (6)
11 A female person (3)
12 Down at the ___ : destitute? (5)
14 Nautical speed rating (5)
16 Assemblyman, in short (3)
18 It neutralises acid (6)
20 Records or performs a song originally recorded by another artist (6)
22 Di Caprio of Hollywood (8)
23 Chess castle (4)
24 Rejection (5-3)

DOWN

1 Cost data on merchandise (3,4)
2 Young pigeon (5)
3 Extremities or boundaries (6)
4 Wheedle, sweet-talk (6)
5 Bete ___ : Anathema (5)
6 Grand Slam tournament played at Flushing Meadows (2,4)
13 Found out (6)
15 Unplug (4,3)
16 Reflecting glass (6)
17 Thespians (6)
19 A major city of Yorkshire (5)
21 Left-hand page (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: E EQUALS G

DTXD PO TXAAPBLOO DF IL UPOOFVZLU PBDF OFSLDTPBE GFSAVLDL XBU EMLXD.

Linemaro

Don't worry. Nothing you ever did counts. I am here, and your life begins now

Mindchow

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery

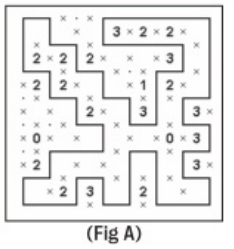
Joke of the day

like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me

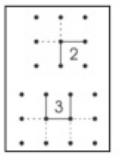
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

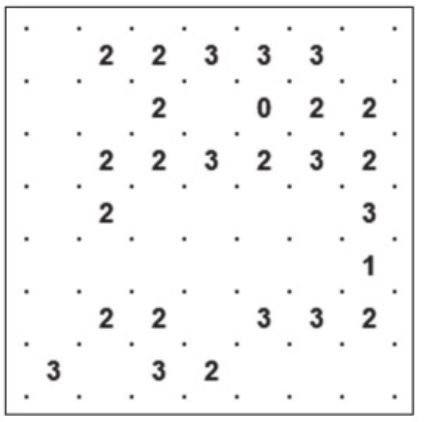


(Fig B) Not Allowed

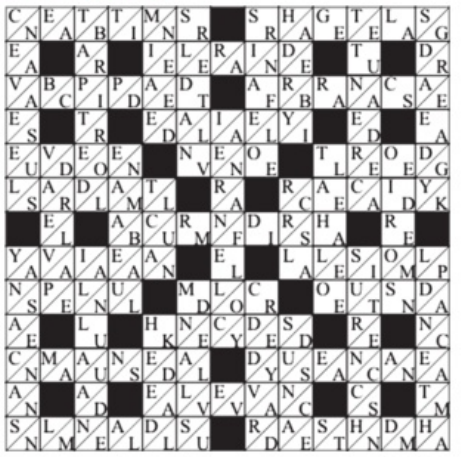
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3 B	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Bream; 6 Pauli; 7 Mires; 8 Enter; 9 Shy go

DOWN

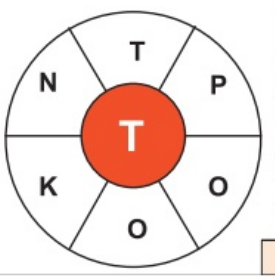
1 Peary; 2 I memo; 3 L Bing; 4 Hater; 5 Users

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the sequence?

13	INC	2
6	QRG	7
4	DOM	8
7	SUI	7
8	AD?	2

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	4	2			9			
	7			3		5		
					2	8		4
	8	3				6		
			8		7			
		5				2	7	
5		6	7					
		1		6			8	
			9			1	6	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

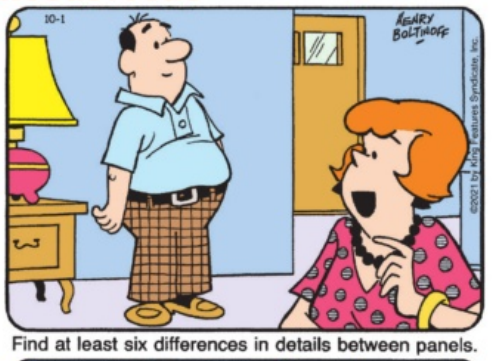
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 27
2 3 7 8

Medium = 11
3 4 4 8

Hard = 10
3 5 5 4

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

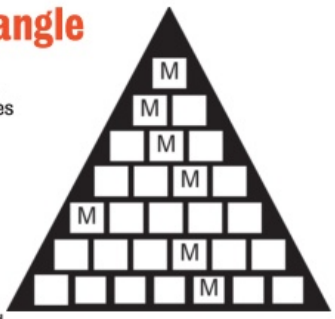
Differences: 1. Man is thinner. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Table is different. 4. Window in door is different. 5. Wall is not as wide. 6. Bracelet is thinner.

Riddler

Which of the following words don't belong in the group and why? Corset, Coster, Sector, Escort, Courts

Alpha triangle

1 Meter, abbr.
2 Personal pronoun
3 Printer's measures
4 Likewise
5 Feline tresses
6 Mariners
7 Changes the title



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

MAWSQUAW HASN'T SAID ONE WORD ALL MORNING
I WONDER IF SHE KNOWS HOW LATE I STAYED OUT PLAYING POKER?
9-18
IT'S A GOOD THING SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW MUCH I LOST!
Casson

Bizarrotrip

In what ways does your family make you feel confined?
Wayno & Piraro 9-29-21
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Diamond Lil

IT SEEMS ALL THE KIDS WANT THAT NEW DOLL!
IT'S CALLED "MOLLY MASCARA"!
WHAT'S IT DO?
YOU WIND IT UP AND IT RUNS!
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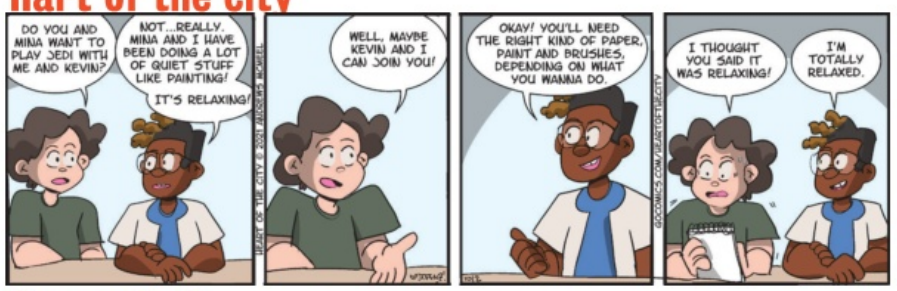
Hart of the city


DO YOU AND MINA WANT TO PLAY JEDI WITH ME AND KEVIN?
NOT...REALLY. MINA AND I HAVE BEEN DOING A LOT OF QUIET STUFF LIKE PAINTING!
IT'S RELAXING!
WELL, MAYBE KEVIN AND I CAN JOIN YOU!
OKAY! YOU'LL NEED THE RIGHT KIND OF PAPER, PAINT AND BRUSHES, DEPENDING ON WHAT YOU WANNA DO.
I THOUGHT YOU SAID IT WAS RELAXING!
I'M TOTALLY RELAXED.

Crankshaft

'My personal career plan...
'Was to remain here covering news until the good Lord called...
Centerville Sentinel
9-25
'But a few years ago we got a call from someone else.'
BATUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you will be blessed by the moon; you are likely to hear some good news in terms of work and business. You are likely to enjoy your domestic life in full swings of joy. You are advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics. Over-excitement may test your patience. You may take important decisions in making investments in assets. Students are advised to be focused on their studies.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today is good for your work; you may perform well. Your boss may give you some more responsibility in terms of promotions. Your rivals and opponents are now under control. You may lend money for making your assets. You are likely to plan some investments for kids' future.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel very dull. It may make you lazy and careless; you are likely to be unfocused at work; impatience may pull you down negatively. Kids' and spouse's health may make you upset. You should avoid making investments in assets. Lovebirds should avoid arguments in family matters.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may find negative vibrations around you which may make you unhappy; you are advised to avoid making investments on worthless assets. Your friends are not likely to be supportive today. So, you should not expect more from them in terms of help, otherwise it may make you more upset. You are advised to follow intuition before taking important decisions today.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be able to implement business plans successfully with support of your subordinates. You may be involved in some social or family get-together, which may boost your network. You are likely to go for short business-related travels, which may give you benefits in near future.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today is a good day; your financial health is likely to be good. You may get benefits from your past investments. You may control your spending on worthless stuffs which may boost your savings. Lovebirds are advised to be polite in the conversation with the partner, otherwise there may be some conflicts between them.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be busy in issues related to siblings and relatives. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network. You are likely to get an order which may increase your family business. Your network may help you to complete your task successfully. There may be some smart gains after a little effort.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel negative; due to sleeplessness last night, you may feel dull. This may reflect into your way of working; it is advised to postpone making investments in your work; you may be a victim of conspiracy; you are advised to keep an eye on opponents and rivals. Lovebirds are advised to keep patience to avoid unnecessary arguments.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be blessed by moon. You may get some big order with the help of overseas contacts. You may face some moments when you feel anxiety, but somehow you may be able to control your anxiety. Students are likely to study the subject in depth. Investors are advised to make long-term investments in terms of fruitful gains.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy at work. You may face some difficulties in completing the task; it may make you upset, but with blessings from elders and gurus, you may come out from this messy situation. Due to workload, you may feel mental fatigue; you may not able to give time to your family. Your siblings are likely to support you and maintain domestic harmony.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, things will be under control; last few days' crunch may be over now. You may feel calm and cool. Your focus towards your goals may be good. You may enjoy your work. Your disputes in partnerships may be settled now. Litigation in property-related matters is likely to resolved. You may also have some romantic moments with the loved one.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is not a good day for you. You may be a victim of negative thoughts. You may be impatient. Your arrogance may push you back from taking difficult decisions. Your life may seem to stop somewhere; you may be in need of blessing of your elders, which is likely to help you to come back from the messy situations. Should avoid investments in dead assets. Lovebirds should avoid discussing on worthless topics.

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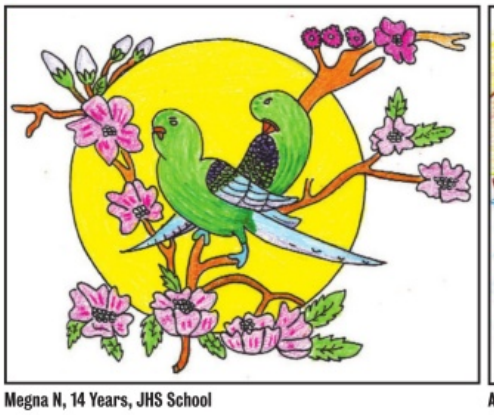

Megna N, 14 Years, JHS School

Apoorva M S, 10 Years, RNS Vidyanikethan

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
$4\sqrt{2}+4\sqrt{2} = 8\sqrt{2} = \sqrt{128}$

BULL'S EYE
knot, onto, took, toot, TOPKNOT

QUOTE UNCODE
That is happiness to be dissolved into something complete and great.

FAST FIVE

A	M	B	E	R
P	I	L	A	U
E	M	I	R	S
R	E	N	T	E
Y	O	G	H	S

RIDDLER
Courts. All of the others are anagrams of each other.

STRIKE OUT

C	A	B	I	N	S	R	A	G	T	A	G			
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
K. In each row, the product of the left and right hand numbers equals the sum of the three values of the three letters.

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3	4	2	5	8	9	7	1	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Me, Ems, Same, Manes, Seamen, Renames.

GO FIGURE
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Hard
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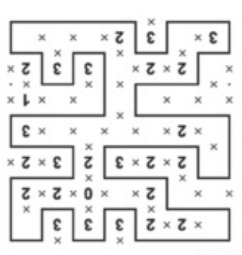

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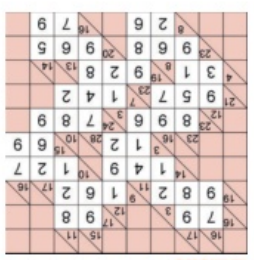

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Nicolas Cage as Dracula
Hollywood actor Nicolas Cage is all set to play Dracula in 'Renfield', a monster movie centring not on the infamous vampire, but rather his notorious lackey. Nicholas Hoult is portraying the unhinged henchman known as Renfield

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A tiger safari for the guests on the cards?

Kat-Vicky's December wedding gets more exciting with every emerging new detail

Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal's Rajasthan wedding is getting exotic by the minute! ETimes was the first to confirm the December wedding and we had also exclusively informed everyone about the royal wedding location in Rajasthan. Vicky and Katrina have booked Six Senses Fort Banwara for their marriage and we had exclusively revealed about the guest list which includes Karan Johar , Salman Khan, Alia Bhatt and others.

And according to Indiatoday.in, the couple have arranged for a special tiger safari arranged for their guests at the Ranthambore National Park. The wedding location is just 30 mins away from this exotic national park.

Our sources have revealed that Alia Bhatt, Karan Johar, Salman Khan, and choreographer Bosco Martis have been invited to be part of Vicky-Katrina's big day. Shah Rukh Khan is also expected to make an appearance at the grand Bollywood wedding. Post their wedding, Katrina Kaif and Vicky Kaushal will move into a plush new address in Juhu.

ETimes had reported that Vicky had booked an entire floor in high rise in Juhu. The couple will move into this lavish abode sometime in December.

Katrina is enjoying the success of 'Sooryavanshi' now. Her next venture is 'Tiger 3' and she has signed up to essay the lead in 'Jee Le Zaraa'. Vicky will be seen in 'Govinda Naam Mera', 'The Immortal Ashwatthama' and Marshal Sam Manekshaw biopic. **– ETimes**

Ahan or Tiger: This is Tara's take on her co-stars

Tara Sutaria will soon be seen opposite Ahan Shetty in 'Tadap ' which has been produced by Sajid Nadiadwala.

Tara, whose chemistry with Tiger Shroff in 'Student of the Year 2' was talked about, recently spoke about her camaraderie with her two leading men.

Sharing her experience of working with both of them, the actress says, "It was great working with both of them and it's a strange coincidence that both Ahan and Tiger started their journey with Entertainment company."

Commenting on her equation with her 'Tadap' co-actor, she states, "Ahan and I got to know each other before we started shooting. We did workshops and rehearsals together. And we have a few similarities in our personalities. So I think it was easy to get along with each other." She adds, "We did a lot of workshops and prep for 'Tadap' that we knew each other much before we started shooting. So, it was very easy and fun. Luckily, the on-screen chemistry is visible in our songs too." About Tiger, she says, "I have mentioned this before also that among all my co-stars, I am closest to him as I did my first film with him and he is also the first friend I made in the industry. So the bond that I share with him will always be special. **–IANS**

Ajith's request: Kindly drop the prefix

Actor Ajith, who is awaiting the release of his upcoming film 'Valimai' directed by H Vinoth, is one the most loved stars of the Tamil film industry, both by the fans and celebrities across the country. The star actor who is fondly known as Thala by his fans, had earlier in 2011 dismantled his fan clubs. Now, Ajith Kumar has requested his fans, public and the media as well to refer to him just by his name not as Thala or along with any other prefix before his name.

Ajith's PRO Suresh Chandra has shared a note which reads, "To, The Respected members of the Media, public and genuine fans, I henceforth wish to be referred to as Ajith, Ajith Kumar or Just AKn not as "Thala" or any other prefix b4 my name. I sincerely wish you all a beautiful life filled with Good health, Happiness, success, peace of mind and contentment forever. Love Ajith."

Though the exact reason for Ajith's decision is not known, it is speculated that the online abuses between fans of the star actor and former Indian cricketer MS Dhoni, who is also called has Thala by the Chennai Super Kings fans could have a role.

Fans had begun referring to Ajith as Thala from his movie 'Dheena' with director AR Murugadoss. In the film, Dheena was called Thala in the film by the fellow actors, who had stuck with his name after the film's success. **–ETimes**

On a romantic song and dance

John Abraham and Jacqueline Fernandez are all set to romance onscreen in 'Attack' and a mushy number is in the pipeline. According to a news portal, director Lakshya Raj Anand is set to shoot a romantic number with the couple in Kochi, Kerala. The shoot has been reportedly scheduled for three days in the second week of December. Apart from John and Jacqueline, 'Attack' also features Rakul Preet Singh in a pivotal role. John Abraham and Jacqueline Fernandez will reportedly leave for Kerala in the coming week and will begin rehearsals there. The team of 'Attack' will reportedly shoot for this dreamy number from December 7 to 9.

On the big screen, John was last seen in 'Satyameva Jayate 2'. Directed by Milap Zaveri, the film featured John in a triple role.

Speaking about the experience, John had told PTI, "It is very daunting to play all these roles in one film. One part was like a breeze because in the first film I played a similar role of a vigilante. The other character is a cop for which I would shoot two-three scenes a day. I couldn't get the hang of this guy (character) initially but finally we nailed it. He is very interesting in the film. Besides, we had to get the distinction right between a brooding and funny guy. My favourite character is the father, it has turned out to be outstanding in terms of heroism."

Up next, John Abraham will be seen essaying the lead in Mohit Suri's thriller 'Ek Villain 2'. He will share the frame with Disha Patani, Arjun Kapoor and Tara Sutaria. John will also don the negative lead in Shah Rukh Khan's upcoming film 'Pathan'. **–ETimes**